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In re Application of:

HIROSHI WATANABE ET AL.

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Examiner: B. Carrillo

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Commissioner for Patents
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is to submit documents cited in the October 17, 2005 Office Action in the Japanese priority Application No. 2003-169819. A copy of the Action is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the enclosed English language translations.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and 1.705(d)

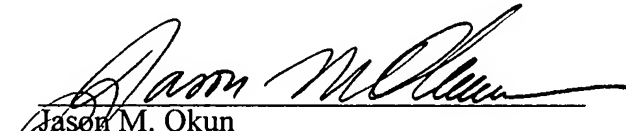
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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